

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended paragraphs [65], [66], and [67] to more clearly describe figures 15-17 which are being inserted with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. In conjunction with the insertion of figures 15-17, applicants further insert figure 18 into this application. In view thereof, the original drawing pages 1-12, containing figures 1-14, have been renumbered to accommodate the insertion of drawing pages 13-16 containing figures 15-18. No actual amendments have been made to original figures 1-14.

Applicants kindly assert that no new matter is being added with figures 15-18. Support for these figures can be found throughout the specification. More specifically, support can be found in original paragraph [41], in original paragraphs [64] through [68], and [155] through [165], in original figures 1-14, in original claims 1-51, and in the abstract.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application or this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicants' Attorney, Randall S. Jackson, Jr., at (775) 826-6160.

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